



OFFICES OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Inasiguran I Tano' Guahan/Ufisinan Difensia Sibet

221-B Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 475-9600 / Fax: (671) 477-3727

Website: www.ghs.guam.gov

Major General (GU) Esther

J.C. Aguigui

Acting Homeland Security

Advisor

Charles V. Esteves

Civil Defense Administrator

For Immediate Release

September 1, 2020

Flash Flood Warning Now in Effect; Practice Caution in Heavy Rain

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **flash flood warning** for southwestern Guam until 3:15 p.m. A Flash Flood Warning means that flooding is imminent or occurring within the warned area.

Heavy rain was falling at a rate of two to three inches per hour. Flash flooding is expected to begin shortly or is already occurring. Impacts expected include flooding in drainages, streams, rivers, roads, properties, and other low-lying areas. Flooded public roads may become impassable. Landslides are possible in steep terrain.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Stay away from streams, rivers, drainage ditches, and culverts, even if they are currently dry;
- Do not cross fast flowing water in your vehicle, or on foot. Turn around, don't drown;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Avoid camping, parking, or hiking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning;
- Visit <https://www.ready.gov/floods> to learn more.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise residents and visitors to practice extreme caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

For more information, contact GHS/OCD Public Information Officer Jenna G. Blas at (671) 489-2540 or via email at jenna.g.blas@ghs.guam.gov.

-###-